

# Chrysalis

*Becoming in Christ*

July 2022

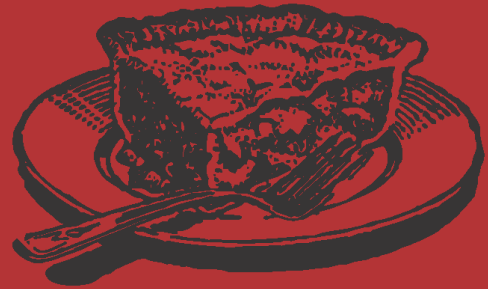
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"Bless our God,  
you peoples;  
let the sound of  
praise be heard.  
Our God has  
kept us among  
the living  
and has not  
allowed our feet  
to slip."

Psalm 66: 8-9

## pie & ice cream social



FREEWILL DONATION TO BENEFIT  
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

2-4PM JULY 9  
914 NW ASH DRIVE, ANKENY, IA

*Resurrection*  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

### **The Pie & Ice Cream Social is here!**

Invite your friends, neighbors, family, or anybody you think might like pie. We'll have live music from RC members to enjoy. There will be a freewill offering to benefit Habitat for Humanity. Come on over from 2-4 pm on July 9.

If you would like to donate a pie please sign up in the fellowship area or call the church office.



Dear people of God,

One of Martin Luther's most famous and influential writings was a letter he addressed to Pope Leo X, now known as "The Freedom of a Christian." Written only three years after the 95 The-

ses that sparked the Reformation, it holds themes that echo throughout the rest of Luther's writings. The letter itself is 30 pages long, though Luther offers a handy summary at the beginning:

*The Christian individual is a completely free lord of all, subject to none.*

*The Christian individual is a completely dutiful servant of all, subject to all.*

You might be thinking that those are contradictory. Luther admits as much himself, but as he goes on, it becomes clear that they are no more contradictory than the declaration that we are both sinner and saint.

He clarifies: Christians are completely free in regard to sin. Sin does not hold power or authority over a Christian person, so we are free from the heavy-handed legalism that would scrutinize every thought

and action for wickedness. It doesn't mean that we stop distinguishing between right and wrong, but that we realize that sin does not get to define us or the people around us.

But, Luther quickly continues, Christians are not completely free from any obligations! No, not at all. The power sin once held over us is replaced, joyfully, with complete, dutiful service to our neighbors.

In other words, our obligation is not to the law (divine or civil), but to our neighbors. Good law can certainly help us serve our neighbors, but obeying the law and serving our neighbors are not necessarily the same thing. We can know complete freedom in our salvation that releases us from sin, even as we know the complete deference that comes with service to our neighbors.

This month, in the weekly e-news, I'll offer more reflections on Christian freedom. You can read "The Freedom of a Christian" online if you want the whole picture.

God bless you,  
Pastor Beth



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# RLC COUNCIL

## Summary June Council Meeting

**Call to Order:** By President Cullen Stevens at 6:30 pm.

**(Note: Motions are shown in the meeting minutes in bold italics.)**

Opening prayer by Pastor Beth. In-coming Council members Cindy Tonneson and Jerry Tonneson were welcomed.

**May Meeting Minutes:** *approved by Council.*

**May Financial Reports:** no reports provided. Lee Patten will update of signatories for RCL accounts.

**Bell Tower Requests:** Bell Tower Committee approved \$960 request from E-Team for custom coffee mugs. Mugs were given to new members and are also available for purchase.

**Pastor's and Joint Ministries report:** Pastor Beth will be out of the office on continuing education and vacation, starting tomorrow. Pentecost picnic and LSI garden blessing went well. VBS begins June 26.

### Highlights from the Boards:

**Worship & Music - Congregational Life:** W & M met today and discussed recent very low attendance at 5:00 pm service. The service will be suspended for the summer, and W & M will re-evaluate in the fall at an open meeting. On-line service is generally well-attended and will remain in the long-term.

### Old Business:

**Time & Talent:** Forms are still available and welcome.

**Vacuum:** Council recommends to Property Board that new equipment options be pursued.

**Phones:** Some progress has been made with phone service. Staff can effectively answer the phones and make long distance calls. The caller will still

typically hear at least three rings, plus another five rings prior to voice mail access, so some issue with callers giving up too soon. Another vendor has approached, with potential upgrade of both phone system and building internet coverage. Pastor Beth will ask Jon Bellis to review and advise.

**Summerfest Parking:** Council deferred all action regarding public parking on RLC property to Property Board. E-Team and Social Ministry are planning Pie Social on Saturday July 9, following Summerfest parade.

### New Business:

**Staff Handbook:** Personnel Committee will meet to review updates before presenting for Council consideration.

**Board Reorganization:** President Cullen Stevens suggested that RCL review and consider re-definition and re-alignment of Boards. Pastor Beth is planning quarterly Board nights to support cross-coordination, with all Boards attending a joint opening and holding their meetings on the same night, beginning in fall 2022.

**Juneteenth:** *RCL offices will be closed on Monday June 20, 2022 in recognition of Juneteenth national holiday; approved by Council.*

**Chair of Stewardship & Finance:** *Cullen Stevens be approved as Chair of Stewardship & Finance Board; approved by Council.*

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm. Council joined together in the Lord's Prayer.

**Next Meeting:** Next regular Council meeting: Thursday July 7, 2022 at 6:30 pm. Pastor Beth will update with next series for devotions prior to meeting.

## May Budget Information

	May Actual	May Budget	May Variance	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance
Income	\$22,897	\$28,143	(\$5,246)	\$119,197	\$140,714	(\$21,517)
Expense	\$27,813	\$28,142	(\$330)	\$131,796	\$140,713	(\$8,917)
Net Income	(\$4,916)	\$	(\$4,916)	(\$12,600)	\$	(\$12,600)

Detailed financial results are available to any member of the church. You may contact the office at [rlc@resurrectionlutheran.org](mailto:rlc@resurrectionlutheran.org) or Lee Patten at [lee@patten.com](mailto:lee@patten.com) or call 515-975-6049.

# Youth Happenings

*A note from the Director of Youth & Family Ministry*

**A big THANK YOU** to all who purchased Scratch cupcakes. Over \$450 was raised for service learning opportunities, mission trips, and the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering. Cupcakes will be delivered on July 6 and will be available for pick up after 11:30 a.m. Grace will be in contact with you regarding pick up.

## **Service & Fun!**

On July 26, all 6th through 12th grade students are invited for a day of service and fun. We will begin our morning with service at Meals from the Heartland. After packaging meals, we will have lunch and play some outdoor games at Smash Park in West Des Moines.



## **Thank You**

Dear Resurrection Lutheran,

Thank you for your dedication to serving meals in our kitchen! We at CISS are so grateful for your help. Central Iowa Shelter & Services Staff

Many thanks for all the encouraging wishes sent to me during my surgery and recovering. Your thoughts, prayers and all your acts of kindnesses were so much appreciated.

Thank you.

Diane Simonson

## **Ankeny Love Lunches**

These are summer meals for Ankeny school age children served at Sunset Park. Resurrection will provide the noon meals Monday, July 18 through Thursday, July 21. Please sign up in the fellowship hall and direct any questions to Mary Humke at 515-360-4418 or mhumke609@gmail.com Thank you! Social ministry board

## **Congregational Read**

Ready, set, read! Aside from the Bible, the single most referenced book in my ministry has been *Disunity in Christ*, by Christena Cleveland. Will you read it with me this summer and join in a conversation on what we've read on August 7?

About the book: despite Jesus' prayer that all Christians "be one," divisions have been epidemic in the body of Christ from the beginning to the present. We cluster in theological groups, gender groups, age

groups, ethnic groups, educational and economic groups. We criticize freely those who disagree with us, don't look like us, don't act like us and don't even like what we like.

Though we may think we know why this happens, Christena Cleveland says we probably don't. In this eye-opening book, learn the hidden reasons behind conflict and divisions. There are books available to purchase in the church office. Books are \$12/each.

I was privileged to attend as a delegate for RLC for the 34th Annual Gathering/Convention of SE Ia. Women's Organization. It was held on June 10-11, 2022 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Davenport, Iowa. The theme was 'Called to be Women in Mission', and the Bible verse was 2 Corinthians 5:20. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us. On Friday, we heard, Susan Marty present program, Madison Marketplace that St. Paul church helps support.

It started at Madison Elementary School which is located a cross the street from the church. This school is in a low income, poverty, area. So, the program is trying to provide nutritious fresh food, especially fruits & veggies.

They also mentor, tutor, and help Madison students & staff. We also heard about another program, Tapestry Farms, by Ann McGlynn, director. It is a nonprofit urban farm system that invests in refugees who live in the Quad Cities. They have one garden at the church grounds, and several others in the area. The families plant their gardens, take some for their own use, & sell the rest to supplement their income. This program also helps the refugees get settled in housing, helping getting social security cards, photo ID, medical cards, and setting up for any other programs.

They teach the refugees how to navigate the bus system, how to get & help shop for groceries, and registering for school. We collected love gifts for the Tapestry Farms, gift cards to Walmart/Aldi's, soap, toilet paper, paper towels, dish soap, laundry soap, and lotion.

We had another presentation by Chris Nelson, music director at St. Paul, and college organist and instructor at Augusta College. He did an organ demonstration,

hymn sing and a piece of music that he composed. Friday evening ended with vespers of Holden Prayer.

Saturday started with opening worship and a Bible Study with Pastor Sara Olson-Smith. We received greetings by Churchwide Women of the ELCA, and Southeastern Iowa. Synod Bishop Amy Current.

At our business meeting we elected a new vice president, Glory Reynolds; treasurer, Dianne Sickler; and board members, Teresa Ziegenmeyer, Kris Elgin, Heidi Hotveldt, Julie Leeper; nominating committee, Sue Mangels, Virginia Eggers, Ardy Proehl; Triennial delegates, Roberta Jurgensen, Sue Mangels, Dianne Stricker, & alternate, Judy Munger.

The Gathering offerings of total as of June 11 was \$2,677. Donations can still be sent until July 31. One half will to the Churchwide Women's Organization, one quarter to Tapestry Farms, one quarter to Madison Market.

Next years 35th Gathering/Convention will be held at Stoney Creek Hotel, Johnston, Iowa on June 9-10, 2023. Theme of "Serving the Lord". That is real close so maybe we can have people from RLC attend. Be on the lookout for an upcoming survey concerns RLC WELCA. We look forward to your response.

### Up Coming Events:

**July 7, 2022**—Bible Study with Pastor Beth

Wanda Miller,  
WELCA rep.



The "It Shall Be Done" group meets every Thursday at 9:30 a.m. The first Thursday of the month we have a Bible study with Pastor Beth. The rest of the month we have fun projects going with coffee on the side. Join Us!

## Shelter Meal

Social Ministry will be taking a meal to the Central Iowa Homeless Shelter on Saturday evening, July, 23, 2022. A sign-up sheet is available in the fellowship area for desserts.

## Directory Update

*Keep your newest directory up-to-date by making these changes each month.*

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# LSI Garden Blessing





# Vacation Bible School

RLC was "On A Roll with God" this past week, exploring how we experience and play a part in God giving us this day and every day, our daily bread. The Christian Education board hosted the Food Truck Party VBS June 26 through 30. During the week long Food Truck Party, our chefs experienced Bible stories come to life, danced and sang to awesome Food Truck Party tunes, devoured delicious food, played fun games, created cool crafts, and explored incredible science experiments.

In addition to all the exciting stations, our chefs enjoyed hearing from Top Chef Matt and DJ Cupcake. Top Chef Matt shared the inspiration behind the name of his food truck, "On A Roll With God". His inspiration came from Matthew 6:11, "Give us this day our daily bread." and DJ Cupcake shared a favorite meal time prayer: God is Great! God is Good! Let us thank God for our food. By God's hands we all are fed. Give us, Lord, our daily bread. Amen.

Furthermore, let's not forget about Top Chef Matt's jokes. Here is one for you, "Do you know why bread really hates hot weather? Because it feels too toasty."

The Christian Education board would like to extend a special thank you to all our volunteers who gave their time and talents into making learning so special and fun. As our chefs and volunteers learned this week, may you continue to find ways to share God's love with those around you.



# July Birthdays

2—Harper Unrath	24—Erika VanGorder
4—Lukas Glaser	25—Dan Brazelton
6—Cathy Califf	25—Deanna Jens
7—Adelaide Nelson	25—Aaron Vagts
7—Hannah Varangkounh	26—Sandy Vagts
10—James Philson	26—Allison Muehr
14—Hannah Vagts	26—Nathan Wilde
17—Kim Aarsvold	27—Julia Miller
18—Camden Paulson	29—Kate Unrath
20—Jerry Kirstein	30—Gunnar Cole
24—Isabel Ollie	



## Children's Sermon

July 3—Pastor Beth  
 July 10—Charlie Stevens  
 July 17—Mike Miller  
 July 24—Sandy Barton  
 July 31—Keri Bolles

## Mowing Schedule

July 4—Terry Luloff  
 July 11—Al Lehman  
 July 18—Lee Patten  
 July 25—Sean Presnall

	Accompanists	Liturgist
July 3 9:00 am	Dave Vagts	Carly M
July 10 9:00 am	Praise Band	N/A
July 17 9:00 am	Diane Rauser	Open
July 24 9:00 am	Diane Rauser	Open
July 31 9:00 am	Diane Rauser	Open

# Pub Theology

On Thursday, July 21 at 7:00 pm we will have a gathering of Pub Theologians at Uptown Garage Brewing, 305 SW Walnut.

If you're just hearing about Pub Theology for the first time, we meet at 7 pm and discuss a current event through the lens of Christianity (material emailed prior to the meeting).

While that may sound daunting and potentially very intellectual, it is also (and perhaps, primarily) a time of fellowship and being in community with church friends. If you are not particularly a "beer fan" they

also have wine, seltzers, and soft drinks on the menu.

Whether you have joined in the past or want to give it a try this time, please make sure to send your current email address to: [srkirstein@gmail.com](mailto:srkirstein@gmail.com) so we can make sure you receive the "homework"





# ROG

The ROG Gentlemen are meeting at 9:00 am on Wednesday at Hy-Vee north location.

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## Ladies in Fellowship Together (LIFT)

LIFT (Ladies In Fellowship Together) are meeting at Main Street Café, 2510 SW Birch Drive, Ankeny at 9 am on Tuesday mornings. Join in the conversation!



## Mary Beth and Bayo Oyebade Visit

Mary Beth and Bayo Oyebade will be visiting RLC on July 23 at 6:30pm to share about the ministry they do in Jos, Nigeria. RLC supports the Oyebades every year with our offerings and highlights their work on Global Ministries Sunday.



# Please Welcome Our New Members!



Clay & Claire live in Ankeny. Clay is an assistant teaching professor at Iowa State University and Claire is an Optometrist at Real Optics. Clay enjoys cooking, movies, book, board games, disc golf, craft beer and the Cubs. Claire enjoys plants, cats, breweries, Netflix and reading.



Mary Ann lives in Ankeny. She has two adult sons and enjoys singing.



Kelsey Warfield lives in Ankeny. Kelsey is in customer service at Freeman. She enjoys crafts, reading, and being outdoors.



Kris, Tessi & Lukas live in Polk City. They have four adult child. Kris is CFO for Accura Health Care and Tessi is a teacher at Woodward Granger. Kris enjoys hiking, snowboarding, travel, boating and camping. Tessi enjoys hiking, snowboarding, reading, gardening, travel and boating.



# Worship Assistants

If you find your assigned service time conflicts with your schedule, please contact another member to cover for you and then contact the office at 964-7392 or email [rlc@resurrectionlutheran.org](mailto:rlc@resurrectionlutheran.org) with the date, time and name of your replacement in order to make sure the bulletin is accurate. Thank you! Please let

Janice Stocker know if you have future plans to be out of town or on vacation so accommodations can be made, prior to the newsletter scheduling. **PLEASE KEEP THIS SCHEDULE AS YOUR REMINDER.** Thank you for sharing your talents with RLC!

July	Ushers	Greeter	Counters	Reader	Communion Assistant	Acolyte	Altar Guild
3 9:00 am	Sandy Barton	Shannon Simons	Andi Donaghy David Foster	Mike Van Gorder	Keri Bolles	Luke Miller	Wanda Miller
10 9:00 am	Kevin Petersburg	Leslie Hart	Gwen Luloff Nancy Carlson	Marit Patten	Nancy Carlson	Hailey Allbee	Renata Eustice-Cleveland
17 9:00 am	Bob Frazier	Mary Jo Frazier	Al Lehman Andi Donaghy	David Foster	Marge Rupert	Cody Maxwell	Brenda Hilleson
24 9:00 am	Jerry Tonneson	Joyce Lehman	Ben Muehr Gwen Luloff	Cindy Tonneson	Carolyn Darnielle	Allison Muehr	Linda Baker
31 9:00 am	John & Stefan Strand	Vivian Dunsbergen	Nancy Carlson Al Lehman	Diane Simonson	Joan Strand	Sam Califf	Joyce Lehman

August	Ushers	Greeter	Counters	Reader	Communion Assistant	Acolyte	Altar Guild
7 9:00 am	Doug & Joan Keifer	Kate Wilde	Al Lehman Andi Donaghy	Carolyn Darnielle	Kathy Storch	Brayden Honadel	Cathy Califf
14 9:00 am	Mike & Marge Rupert	Diane Rivers	Ben Muehr Nancy Carlson	Sonya Miller	Nancy Carlson	Jay Miller	Joan Keifer
21 9:00 am	Bob Frazier	Mary Jo Frazier	Gwen Luloff Andi Donaghy	Terry Luloff	Keri Bolles	Riley Keenan	Gwen Luloff
28 9:00 am	John & Stefan Strand	Joan Strand	David Foster Ben Muehr	Carly Montgomery	Leslie Hart	Luke Miller	Wanda Miller

## New Members Continue

Jim Scherf lives in Ankeny, He is a retired ELCA Pastor, USAF Chaplain (Col, Ret) Jim enjoys crosswords, New York Yankees, baseball, University of Iowa sports, and reading Greek.



Christy Locke lives in Ankeny. She has three children plus three bonus children, 6 grandsons and 1 granddaughter. Christy enjoys time with grandchildren, writing, music, outdoor activities, traveling and reading.





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**Summer Worship Hours**  
Sunday 9:00 am, & 5:00 pm  
9:00 am—Live Stream

## July Highlights

July 4		Office Closed in Observation of July 4
July 5	6:00 pm	Board Meetings
July 9	2-4 pm	Pie & Ice Cream Social
July 12	6:30 pm	Council Meeting
July 18-21		Love Lunches
June 21	7:00 pm	Pub Theology
July 23		Shelter Meal
Tuesday	9:00 am	LIFT Ladies
Wednesday	9:00 am	ROG
Thursday	9:30 am	It Shall Be Done Ladies Grp.
Saturdays	8:30 am	Bible Study

## Our Statement of Mission

Transformed by God's Grace to Love and Serve.